

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG

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LONG AWAITED INVASION CHALLENGE TO GREATER EFFORT

5th War Loan Drive Parallels All-Out Invasion

"Well and Smartly Done!"

Navy Commends Sprague Employees

To the men and women of the Sprague Electric Company, your excellent performance of duty in producing material and components for the landing craft program has made it possible for building yards to exceed the quotas of landing craft set by the combined Chief of Staff for completion on 1 June 1944. These landing crafts will play a vital part in the success of offensive operations of the United Nations during this critical summer. On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, the Bureau of Ships desires to pass to all hands concerned the message: "Well and smartly done."

(signed)
Inspector of Naval Material

Navy Dept. Congratulates Sprague Workers



ALL IN THE FAMILY.

Mrs. Laura Sylvina Beals of Impregnating, is pictured with Pvt. Walter O'Neill (left) formerly of Dry Rolling, who is her daughter's son. (Left) Pvt. Tulio Toniatti, her granddaughter's husband. Granddaughter Agnes O'Neill works in the Can Shop; daughter Mrs. Jessie O'Neill works in Dry Test, granddaughter Ruth Toniatti works in Tubular Assembly and another granddaughter, Laura Leonard of Factory Engineering submits this picture!

Played Big Part in Getting Out Landing Craft On Time

At one time it was feared that the production of landing craft might prove a drawback in the invasion. Last week's telegram, however, reveals that quotas were exceeded. Sprague workers produce material for the electrical and communication systems of these invasion craft.

This highest form of commendation used by the navy was relayed by telegram to Sprague workers. Received at this crucial invasion period, it should serve to stimulate all Sprague workers to increase their work if possible, both in quality as well as quantity. Praise for good work, after all, is but a challenge to greater things.

COMMEMORATES HEROES OF PAST AND CURRENT WARS

In observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1944, the Sprague Radio Log paid tribute on its program, to the heroes of past and present wars. The program was impressive and well received according to comments from listeners and guests. Commander Frank Bond, of the Frank R. Stiles Post of the American Legion was the guest speaker, and Master Paul Kronick of the Johnson School gave a beautiful interpretation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Hostess-for-the-Day was Miss Jane Dawson.

Plans Made for Plant-wide Purchase of Bonds

As word of the Allied landings in France came in, the War Bond committee of Sprague Electric was in the midst of preparations for its part in the Fifth War Loan drive that will start on June 12.

Plans will be very similar to those for the Fourth War Loan when the major emphasis was on the sale of extra bonds rather than on the increase of payroll deduction authorizations. A large committee of pledge solicitors has just been formed and as soon as the pledge cards have been printed up will start to contact every Sprague employee with the object of selling \$100 worth of bonds per employee.

No Quota Set

There will be no quota for this drive. Each industry in North Adams has agreed to subordinate its own quota in the community-wide quota. No plant will be considered to have reached its goal until the whole community has made its quota.

However, reliable surveys of the community-wide situation report that, if the total sales of bonds are increased by only 10% over the last drive, the quota will have been reached.

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Sacrifice of Men Overseas Demand Best From Every Worker

Minute of Silent Prayer Observed In Each Sprague Plant on June 6

The anxiety of waiting is past, but the new anxiety of mothers, fathers, sisters, wives, sweethearts and friends for their loved ones engaged in this terrible battle for Europe can only be realized by those who have experienced the same anxiety following Pearl Harbor, Midway, Wake Island, Coral Sea, and the other battles already fought in Africa, Sicily, Italy and over Europe from the air, and in the seven seas under the sea... There are only two or three things that we

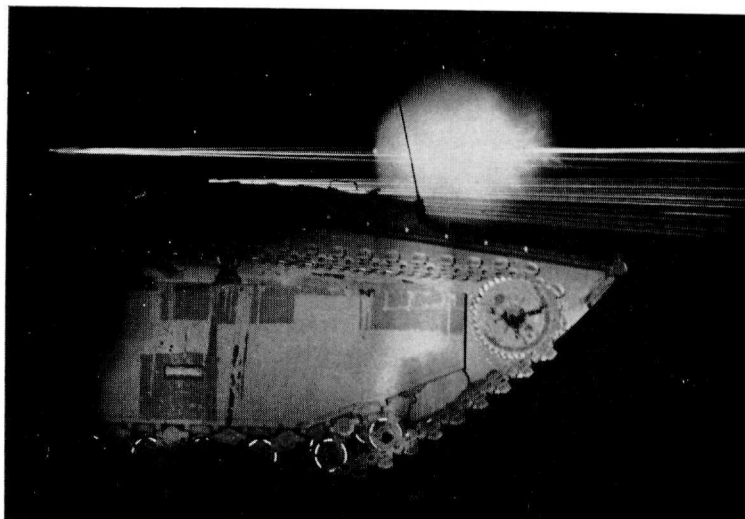
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Amphibian Landing Craft



Sprague workers helped outfit these invasion Buffaloes.

Shooting As They Invade!



Night and day these American land-and-sea craft shoot it out as they bring supplies and reinforcements in a hurry to our fighting men.

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"Of the Employees, by the Employees, for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Invasion Challenge to Greater Effort

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on the home front can do to help. . . . We can work harder and work better . . . we can pray oftener and pray better . . . beyond that the outcome is in the hands of the God to whom we pray, in the wisdom of the leaders in charge,-- and in the courageous hearts of those fighting over there -- and for whom we pray . . . This is, as we know, no time to celebrate successful landings, this is a time for more work and more prayer. This, whether all of us realize it or not, is a most solemn moment in all our lives . . . Let us not now be found either callous or over-sentimental . . . Let us gird ourselves for larger losses in men if that must be . . . and let us dig in harder than ever at our jobs . . . for the war is yet to be won . . . and there will be plenty of time to celebrate when VICTORY day is finally assured . . . Until then let us do OUR DUTY as they "over there" are doing theirs!

REVIEW OF JUNE 6 RADIO LOG

The first few minutes of the program were devoted to two appropriate musical numbers and a silent moment of prayer for those men engaged in the invasion of Europe. "The Time is Now" by the Chorus and "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There" by Lawrence Madison.

Dedicated to Y.M.C.A.

The thirty-fifth program of the Radio Log series was dedicated to the Y.M.C.A. which celebrates its centennial anniversary this month. The facilities of the Sprague program were

turned over to the Y.M.C.A. for this occasion. The speakers told of the many activities and services which the "Y" provides. Talks by Mr. H. B. Clark, president of the local "Y"; Mr. Edw. L. Battery, local secretary; Albert E. Garratt, chairman of the Boys Work Committee; and Master Bob Trabold gave a clear picture of these many services. Music for the program featured many beautiful selections by the Balladiers and Radio Log chorus with Mr. Larry Madison as conductor and soloist; Mrs. Pauline Hobson accompanied.

Gold Star Honor Roll

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Forrest B. Blair, William R. Borowski, Vincent E. Brazau, Walter F. Busby, Dominic A. Corsi, Thos. W. Cummings, Clyde A. Davis, Thos. B. Dean, Leo R. Ethier, William E. Gilman, Charles R. Loholdt, Burke W. Martin, Nelson S. McCraw, Arthur J. Patenaude, Vincent J. Pisano, John J. Polumbo, Jr., Leon R. Rivard, George Schott and Gilmore Sherman.

Music, especially fitting for the day was well presented by the Balladiers and the Radio Log chorus: Mr. Larry Madison, conductor; Reginald White, Robert Shoemaker, Alton Perry, Englebert Schmidt, Doris LaFountain, Christine Cardillo, Evelyn Burdick, Helen Root, Olive Vadnais, Shirley Johnson, Barbara Gordon, with Mrs. Sadie Carley accompanying. Invited guests of the program included members of the American Legion and the Massachusetts State Guard. A guest of honor was Lieut. Florence Sartori, formerly from the Paper Rolling department, who has just received her lieutenant's commission.

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R. P. I. Classes Popular with Sprague Employees

By Robert Shoemaker

Since early in April, more than twenty Sprague employees have devoted two evenings a week of their time and energy to attend evening classes at R.P.I. in Troy, designed for the promotion of personal efficiency on the job.

Courses of this nature are being given in institutions all over the country through the cooperation of Federal, State and Educational agencies, to help men and women to improve their efficiency in the war effort by better understanding of their present work or for promotion to more responsible positions.

Our temporary R.P.I. students will complete the tenth and final week of the current classes before the end of June. Of the five courses, the most popular are those in Radio Engineering. Other subjects are Production Planning and Control, Safety Practices, and Advanced Mathematics.

In the Safety class Arthur Matthews is our sole representative. In Mathematics, Fred Miller and George Comerford are the Sprague contingent. In Production Planning and Control there are four: Ed. Fitzgerald, Mike Pierce, Charles Pickup and Harold Carson. A fifth from this class, Rod MacAlpine, has left Sprague's for a responsible position elsewhere.

In Radio Engineering I, we have Irving Ruhman, Charles Thornhill, Paul Netherwood, George Remillard, Richard Martin and Robert Shoemaker. And in Advanced Radio Engineering, exploring the possibilities of ultra high frequencies, the Sprague prestige is upheld by William Allison, Nelson Beverly, Richard Tyler, Stanley Dorst, Lucius Henry, and John Wilson.

Congratulations to this latest group of June graduates!

Fifth Bond Drive

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As the Log went to press, plans were under way for large meetings of the solicitors to acquaint them with the methods of solicitation. It is believed that "sales resistance" to the purchase of war bonds -- which has never been very great anyhow -- will be even less this year because of the important overseas events now taking place.

CHORUS ON MEMORIAL DAY RADIO LOG



Master Paul Kronick recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

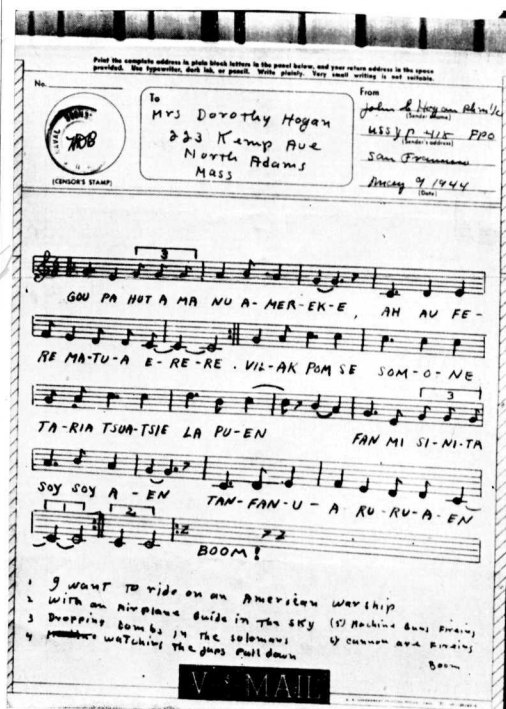
LEGION COMMANDER SPEAKS



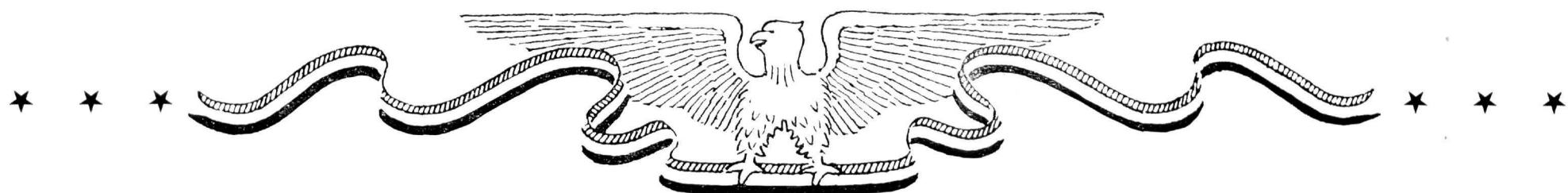
Frank A. Bond, Commander of the Frank R. Stiles Post of the American Legion was introduced by President R. C. Sprague.

Adolph (Skeets) Borowski, formerly of the Drafting department, Beaver, has been promoted to Chief Machinist Mate, and sent to a gunnery school in Oklahoma.

Wm. F. Arnold, serving the South Pacific has been promoted to the rank of Commander. Wm. (shorty) Arnold was formerly sales engineer for the Sprague Electric Company.



Native Song of the Islanders, as sent to Mrs. Dorothy Hogan from John L. Hogan, Ph. Mate, I-c.



★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★



Sgt. Robert Windrow of the Marine Corps. He is the brother of Jane, of Block Test.

S.2-c Geo. G. Coody has returned to Washington Beach where he is attending school. He is the son of Mrs. Lucien Coody of the Resistors.

Pvt. William Derosia has arrived in N. Africa according to word received.

Pvt. Esmonde O'Neill (paratrooper) has arrived back in N. Africa after recuperating from wounds received in a jump in the course of battle in Africa, last October.

Ralph Lesure, Navy Signalman, is now at sea.

Fort McClellan,

Miss Owens:

How are you, Miss Owen? I am feeling fine and the Army life is O.K. too. I'm writing to ask you to please send my *Log* to my new address in Alabama. I like to hear from the people at the plant.

I hope the war ends soon so I can go back to work for Sprague again. I like the Army life and it should do a young man good.

Give my regards to Jack Washburn and the rest of the gang.

So long for now.

Leo Lamarre

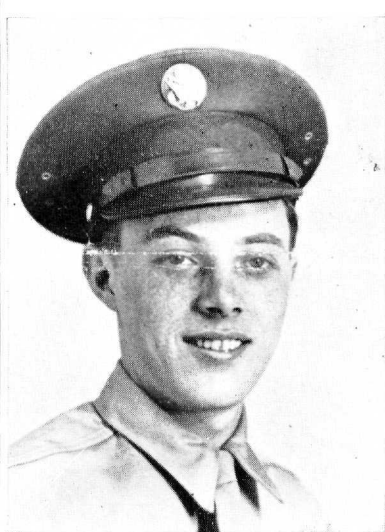


Frank Krol, Fireman 1-c, now in England, formerly worked in Maintenance; his wife, Adella, is in Bathtub Can Preparation.



Four Grillone Brothers Overseas

Left: Frank Grillone, S. 1-c took part in the invasion of Italy, now in England, formerly in K.V.A.; Peter, S.1-c, stationed in the Aleutians, formerly in Impregnating; Pfc. Rocco, now stationed in England; and Pfc. Dominick, stationed in North Africa in the Ordnance Dept., formerly worked in Block Annex.



Everett Benz, somewhere in England, is the husband of Muriel of Block Test.

Victor Boucher has been promoted to Sergeant at West Palm Beach where he is a radio operator and repairer.

Pvt. Wilfred Rondeau, formerly of Paper Assembly, has arrived in Hawaii in the army air force transport command.

Dear Mr. Washburn:

I was very surprised to receive the Sprague *Log* over here in Italy. Especially, as I saw on the address it was from Camp Blanding, Fla. I shall enclose my present address, and please send the *Log* to this one.

Keep the production line going at Sprague's and we will show you that we can get into Berlin. Please give my regards to all of the Sprague workers and tell them I miss them an awful lot.

Thanking you again for the *Log*—it shows me that Sprague's is right on the ball.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Leo LaValley



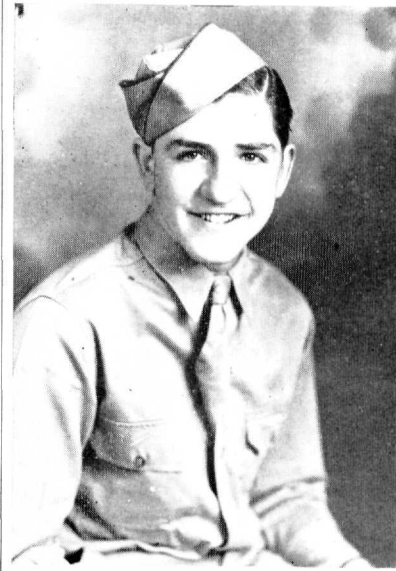
"Skeets" Borowski, Chief Machinist Mate, stationed in Oklahoma.

Ralph J. Lesure, formerly of Marshall Shipping department, now Signalman in the navy, has been assigned to sea duty.

Emile Prystas arrived home for a furlough from Missouri, according to his wife, Andreanna, of the Factory Engineering department.



Pfc. Dante DeFazio, aerial gunner at Tampa, Florida, and Pvt. Ernest DeFazio, stationed at Belyoir, Va. Brothers of Lucy, of Networks.



Pvt. Alfred C. Dean, now serving in Hawaii, is the brother of Elaine LaBonte of the Multiplier Dept.

To the Machine Shop Gang

May 23, 1944

Hello Gang:

First of all, tell all the "Boys" thanks very much for the cigarettes, especially Camels. They are very hard to get for some reason or other.

I had quite a surprise the other day—I was in Memphis in the U.S.O. Center, and who walks in but Pete Cardillo! What a reunion we had! I had been watching for him for about a week around the base but gave up and thought he had shipped out. We had a good time talking things over and thinking about what you civilians back home were doing. We were going to have our pictures taken together, but the place was closed. So, we'll try it again and perhaps you will get a couple of laughs.

It's nice and warm down here, but gets rather cool and damp after the sun goes down, and early in the morning it is really cold. We have three weeks of "Mess Hall Duty" and then I start school. I see by the *Log* that Dion is in Sampson, N. Y. He probably will end up here, too.

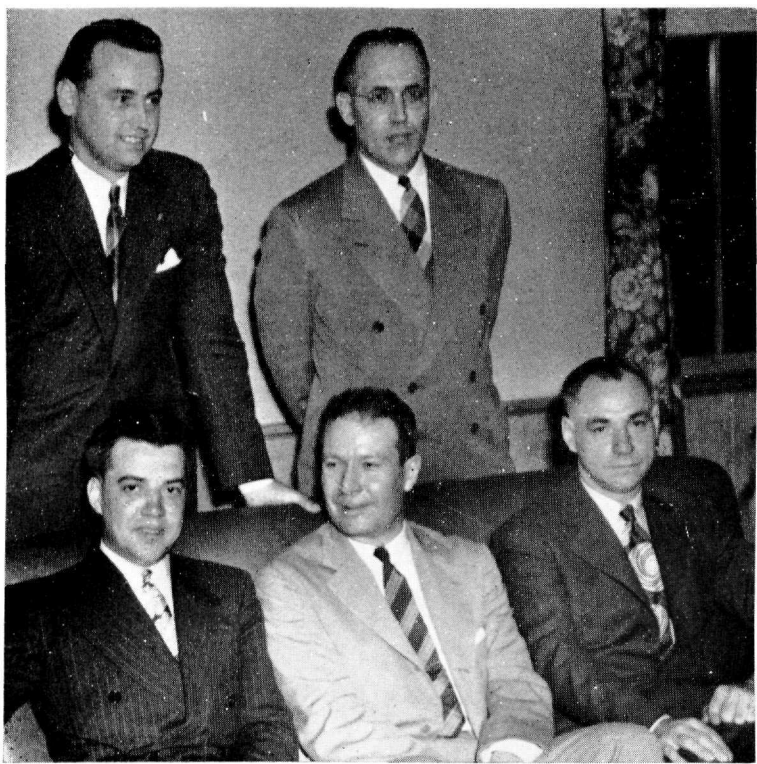
Thanks again for the smokes and drop me a line when you can,

Don Wyman
Barracks 54, N.A.T.T.C.
Memphis, 15, Tenn.



Robert Choquette of the Merchant Marines, son of Yvonne of Block Test.

OFFICERS OF THE FOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Front: Harvey DeGrenier, treasurer; R. C. Sprague, guest; and Arthur Giroux, president. Standing: William Mendell, secretary and Leo Lemoine vice-president.

Foremen Hold Social

The Semi-annual dance and social of the Foremen's Social Club was held Saturday, May 27 at the Elks home on Eagle Street, with about seventy-five couples attending. A buffet lunch was served and music for the dancing was provided by Harry Noring and his orchestra. Guests of honor were officials of the Sprague Company.

MARSHALL STREET

"Memos"

Attendance in Partition Assembly

By Arthur W. Charron

While reading the *Log*, I noted the enviable record of attendance by our friends in the Machine Shop and Impregnating departments. Then, I began to look around me and realized that I had taken much for granted. The many familiar faces I like to see in Partition Assembly *always seem to be there!* So, I guess we have something to be proud of too!

Give us a full year, and we can produce a few shining examples ourselves. Our department only dates back to January, but — good days and bad — many of them would have been nice to spend at home. Circumstances limit each of us to part-time work — about six hours a night. Several of us have little tots that must be left in the care of someone else, and their daddies are serving Uncle Sam.

I remember many instances where minor ailments and inconveniences could excuse an evening's absence, yet every chair is occupied, and its occupant has a cheery smile, while busy fingers expertly fit those little parts to make a whole. Me? I have no red marks, either. And too, I want the boys back soon; but I have a selfish reason as well—I like my work—and best of all, the people I work with know how to make things pleasant and gay — so I like them too! Wouldn't you?

The girls on the night shift seem to be playing Musical Chairs! the way they keep shifting places to avoid a draft or to get one.

Ruth Morrissey

Hi, Ruth, Ann and Dot. Hurry back, we miss you in the good old P.A.

Marge McConnell

Paper Rolling News

By Alyce O'Brien

Adrienne Galipeau is on her vacation. Have a nice time, Adrienne!

Sandy Sartori was home on furlough. She visited us and does she look "swell." Keep up the good work, Sandy.

Norman Chenail is on his vacation. We hope you have a nice time, Norm. Mrs. Chalmers of the night shift is leaving us. We shall miss you.

Alice Scrivens is taking a new position. We wish you luck, Alice.

Fishing Party

By Margaret Lamberti

A certain young man who works in the Drafting Department went on a fishing trip. The trip was supposed to start at 9 A.M. but never got under way until 10 A.M. and returned at 4:00 P.M. and never even went fishing... well, it was a nice picnic, anyway... and that jalopy was so heavy to push—even down hill. We understand that from the Gulf Farm, it is a lo-o-ng way to walk a car home. But you didn't lose any weight, did you B.G.? ...and the girls didn't either! Couldn't you take the razzing, Bob? "It ain't a Buick—it ain't a Ford. Just four wheels and a Board."

Don. Mac. caught a big fish about th-a-a-t long. Too bad he had to throw it back in! —Mickey

Anybody want to learn how to whistle—see Violet Davis, our newest addition to the department—not bad, eh? —Milly B.

Hey Ronnie—did you enjoy the water and where did you get those mosquito bites? It looks more like measles! —Jean, Blanche

Jeanne Koza is a happy girl now, since she knows her husband arrived safely in India. Good luck, Joe—you have a grand little wife. —Margie Davis

Too bad, Ronnie, that you had bad luck on the Trail—we wish you better luck next time.—E. Stack, T. Marceau

Dry Test

By Vi Short

Lu Siciliano is fascinated with his new Victory garden. "First time," says Lu.

We understand Helen Pietras is quite the golfer now!

Millie Manson spent her vacation in New York.

Have you noticed the new white suit George Senecal wears these days?... and the nice trim figure that Betty Secor has...and have you smoked-off the new G.I. pants John Pierce wears these days?...and did Cookie finally finish the painting job on the bassinet?

Here's to the success of our new Department—may it prove to be the best one in the Company! —Lu Siciliano

George Filiault stationed at Sampson, N. Y. claims that being in the navy is as soft (thus far) as membership in the Girl Scouts! —Arthur Hewitt

John Carlton contradicts that statement of George Filiault—he thinks George should have joined the army. —Geo Senecal

The boys in formation seem to be promoting a soft ball game. The day shift challenging the night shift. George Senecal claims he will carry the beer! —Vi Short



**BACK THE INVASION
with WAR BONDS!**

SPORTS . . . by KEN RUSSELL

In the Northern Berkshire High School League, Drury High continued to drop ball games with errors helping the opposition no little. At Dalton in a return tussle Drury fell by the way side, 10-4. Pittsfield playing stellar ball topped Dalton High 2-1. Fine pitching was seen by both hurlers, Pittsfield putting up a much better fielding game. With Adams taking St. Joseph into camp and Dalton defeated, Pittsfield and Adams moved into the top bracket. In the 1st annual big clash between Drury and Adams at Adams, Drury once again took the count by the score of 5-2. Nagle of Drury pitched fine ball but loose fielding again meant defeat. Adams then met a very unexpected defeat at the hands of a weak Williams-town team which finally refused to be a door-mat for the rest of the league. The score was 5-4. The Annual Memorial Day Classic between Drury and Adams took place at Noel Field and this time Drury came through 9-4 playing its banner game of the year.

At the writing of this issue Pittsfield High is in 1st place followed by Dalton. This is now a two team race. Bob Nagle of Drury is leading in home runs and also has the

highest batting average, hitting at a .571 clip.

The opening of the Northern Berkshire Soft-Ball League found most of the teams hitting the ball very well. Adams Laundry defeated Less Market by the score of 15-9. Sprague Electrics buried Sculleys' Cafe 35-2; and the "Y" Yankees topped the Sprague Products 12-8. The league plays every Monday and Friday evenings. Games are played in Greylock, Braytonville Noel Field, and Valley St. in Adams. Featuring the opening contests was Garner of the Sprague Electrics who had 5 hits in 7 trips to the plate. T. Bergeron of the same club hit the only home run.

On Friday night better pitching and fielding was seen and as a result tighter ball games were contested. Adams Laundry defeated the "Y" Yankees at Noel Field by the close score of 3-2. Sprague Products won over Scully's Cafe 5-2; and the Sprague Electrics edged out Less Market 8-6. Adams Laundry and the Sprague Electrics are undefeated; the "Y" Yankees and the Sprague Products have broken even in two starts and the Less Market and Scully's Cafe have dropped both contests.

Can Shop

By Lena Zappula

Don't let anyone tell you there is no talent in the Can Shop. No one tops Pinky when it comes to slapsticks... and Egan is the new singing sensation "Supernatra"... We can also furnish a fiddler, can't we, Red? I'm sure I heard someone say that Yard Bird plays a hand organ... With a lot of practice, Joe could cultivate quite a whistle...and oh, many more!

Get well soon, Albert... And some of us miss your daily donation of crackers.

Welcome to the Can Shop, Dick, Joe, Red, Al, Bill, Jack, Joe and Larry. What about competition, Larry—too strong at Brown Street?

Keep up the good work Scarbo.

You are not afraid of horses, are you Shirley? —Betty Horrigan

Boxing Department

By Connie Urbano

The girls of the Department did some hiking over the week end, and despite all aches, pains and blisters they lived through it!

And these women drivers! A certain girl in the Boxing tells us there isn't enough room in the road to drive, and she preferred the sidewalk—Is that nice, Vera?

Lil, what bit you? We would like to think it was the love bug. There's an old saying, the love bug will bite you if you don't watch out!

Favorite Songs:

Lil—Rose of San Antone
Vera—Moonlight Becomes You
Dodo—You'll Never Know
Mary—I'll Be Around
Emma—Down in the Valley
Jennie—Begin the Beguine
Pat—That Soldier of Mine
Alma—By the Light of the Silvery Moon
Madie—My Heart Tells Me
Flossie—Silver Wings in the Moonlight
Connie—Have I Stayed Away Too Long?

Carolyn—Goodnight Wherever You Are
Stafford Lewis spent a week in Chicago, Ill.

The girls gave Lorraine Marceau a birthday party recently, and join in wishing her the best of luck!

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Card of Thanks

Lucien, Patricia and Rita Siciliano wish to express their thanks and gratitude to the many friends in Resistors and Payroll, Brown Street; Dry Test, Beaver; and the entire Marshall Plant for the many expressions of thoughtfulness and sympathy extended them at the loss of their brother Angelo.



A son was born May 24th to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bressette. Mrs. Bressette (Elaine of Industrial Oils) is a soloist for the Sprague Minstrel and Benefit Show.

A son was born June 2, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leveque. Mrs. Leveque is Viola, of Tubular Assembly.

A daughter, Paula Jean was born May 31st to Paul Raedel, Fireman 1-c and Mrs. Raedel. Both parents were formerly employed in the Gas Mask department.

A daughter, Jean, was born May 26th to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Netherwood. Paul is in the Laboratory.



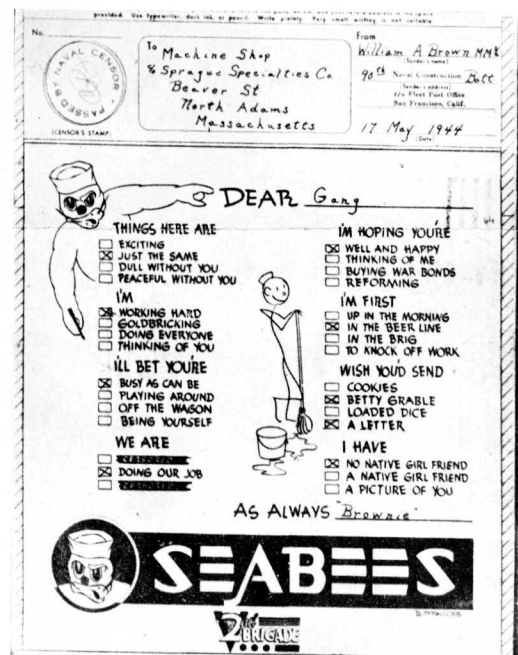
Miss Cecile Contois and George Bombardier were married May 27th at the Notre Dame Church. Miss Contois is from the Mica Department and Mr. Bombardier is in the K.V.A. Department.

Miss Inez Lackey became the bride of Mr. John LaPine on May 29th. The marriage occurred at the Baptist Church. Inez worked in the Resistors, and John in Mica.



The engagement of Pvt. Dennis Pregent to Alice Trotter. Pvt. Pregent, formerly of Mica department is stationed at Kelly Field, Texas.

MACHINE SHOP NEWS



Brownie V-Mails the Machine Shop Gang

Hi Gang:

Well it's been some time since I have written, but I haven't forgotten you. And by your gift of the smokes, you didn't forget me either! Thanks a lot. It was swell of you. I received the check too. Boy! money sure comes in handy here.

I wish you could see our air base, then you would realize the power and might the Army Air Corps has. The base has quite a few types of planes. I have worked on .50 and .30 calibre machine guns and what weapons they are! They weigh 65 lbs. and are effective for several miles distance. It seems incredible, but if you could see the shells—then you'd realize how much power they have. The planes are really huge. I doubt if even the wings of a "fort" would fit in the shop! A P-40 pursuit ship would fit in very nicely.

We have a nice position here as a base. I can see the gulf from our barracks. We go swimming when we have leisure time, or "burning" up in the sun. It sure does get hot here....Well, how's the shop coming? Has anyone else left for the service, and how about some one dropping me a line. Wake up Frank Chase, tell him to write. Well, that's about all—I expect I hope Cedo breaks his arm in a vise....but other than that, love to all! Regards, Andy Gigliotti

Riverside, Calif.

CHECK INSPECTION -- BEAVER

Yours truly and Ruth Hannebeck spent the week end in Boston and had a wonderful time!

May just left from New York and if she has the "time" everyone wishes her, she'll have a busy holiday.

No wonder Helen received corsages! And we know who from as that pretty diamond ring clinches every thing.

Welcome to Anne Roy who formerly worked in Filters, Brown Street, to Check Inspection.

It seems "Peg" is still yawning and very tired. What happened on that vacation, anyway?

It seems diets are a great discussion with Block Test inspectors. It is always said, "Action speaks better than words."

We're all wondering if "Fran" is getting lonely. Georgie hasn't visited her lately.

Planning Annual Picnic

The Machine Shop employees are busy planning their Annual Picnic, held in June this year. They expect to go to the Wenzel Farm at Adams. Entertainment Committee is planning on horseshoe matches, soft-ball and tug-of-war as features of the day.

Card of Thanks

A note of thanks was received by the Shop from Wm. Aubrey Brown, thanking the boys for the smokes he had received.

From "Admiral" Dewey

Hi Jack and the Gang: Here I am at this new address, am in a crew now and assigned to a ship. I'm to get flying training and cross the pond to shoot at a few Jap planes unless something else happens. Give my love to the girls and fellows.

Sonny

Admiral D. Fields

Greetings from Edw. Dion

Hello Fellows: Took just 10 days to get time to even send this card! Busy as Hades, but enjoying it notwithstanding sun, rain AND guard duty. More later!

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

Jeannette Boucher celebrated her birthday on June 23rd.

Welcome to our Department, Alice O'Heare, Mae Lahey, Mary Roberts, Margaret O'Haggerty, Iris Cavazza and Norma Letta, our new Check Inspector.

Josephine Torchia, celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary. We wish you many more happy ones, Joe.

Perfect Attendance for March and

April—Ruth Broutillet, Mary Meade, Frank Godfrey and your reporter! We also give credit to Jessie Wronski, Evelyn Fletcher, Frederick Raick, Emma Jezyk, Elizabeth Hamilton, Mildred Lavoie, Agnes Chesbro, and Ralph Smith. Let's keep up the fine work!

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tatro spent a week end in New York City.

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

The Engineering Department extends its sincere sympathy to Ernie Purpura on the recent loss of his brother who passed away at his home in South Quincy last week.

A recent visitor to our department was Pvt. Jean Whitney, on week end liberty from Arlington, Va., where she is now stationed.

The girls extended a party and gift of money to Pearl Benidette who will soon join her husband stationed in Monroe, La. We are sorry to see you leave these cool New England woods, Pearl. They say weather is sort of warm down there.

What a pleasant surprise to see Marion Belding back on her feet so quickly—and at the party too. What's a casual appendectomy these days anyway.

Folks are asking what those black-out curtains are for in the Blue Print Department. What goes on there, and who said there was room for more than one at a time?

When it's all over, Harold May is going to write a mystery about "The Three Missing Pencil Files." Just now, though, he has to solve the problem. Next, will be to lay out a dozen with a sign saying "Take One."

We thought Bob Garner was raising a moustache. Did someone change his mind?

Welcome to Eleanor McKay who has just come to the Department. "Gene" used to wait on us at the Mohawk Gift Shop—remember?



Paul and Pauline LaPlante, and baby Lawrence. Paul, formerly of Dry Rolling, is Pharm. Mate 3-c.

Main Office

By Helene Meacham

Our vacations have begun with a bang! Helene Meacham spent hers at her farm in Savoy and has she got a beautiful lobster tan! The only question in our minds—"Why didn't you turn over, Meacham?"...Pauline Morrissey went to Turners Falls for the week end and came back with a genuine tan....Katie and Joan Bryce attended the R.A.F. graduation while in Canada over the week end.

—Mary Zona

Isabel Mulvaney is spending her vacation horsecleaning. Is that your idea of a vacation?

Eleanor McClay is back with us after spending two weeks with her husband, home on furlough.

We all know that Mr. Denoyan was away over the week end, but where did he go? He should let us in on these things!

—Jane Gordon

Lillian Clermont and Margaret McCann spent a week end in New York recently. We hear they had a wonderful time.

We have a new blonde in the office! Welcome, Margaret Cain.

Factory Engineering Dept.

By "Edie" Lee

"Bernie's" Buick brought forth too much ridicule so now his fondest affections are bestowed upon a Chevrolet. And, dear readers, if you really want the "push" that's behind this Chevy job, it was none other than Earl Burke. He supplied the physical push needed. When asked if he wanted a ride little did he know what he was letting himself in for.

Ralph Boisjolie finally decided to leave his duties at Sprague's for a day, and so, he and Mrs. Boisjolie partook of the gaiety of New York for a week end. Oh, what a time!

The telephone rang one noon and when "Milt" answered it, what do you think he heard? Three of the sweetest little voices were singing "Happy Birthday to You". The lucky guy!

Doris Hiser is enjoying her vacation "way up North" in Brandon, Vermont. When we said to each other, "I'll see you tomorrow", little did we know that a long-distance phone call could make that tomorrow come a week away.

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Bathtub Assembly

By Thelma Boulterice

Bea Martin is going to Cheshire for her vacation. You're patriotic, Bea!

Welcome back, Julia Ziter!

Jane Ciepiela spent the week end in Hartford, Conn. She claims there are *More Men* down yonder!

Millie (Short) Embry went to Hatfield, Mass., over the week end. What petunia—Helen?

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Casmer Ziemiak, on the arrival of their baby boy.

Blondie, from Cheshire has broken her record—For first time, in her history, she put in 48 hours. Keep up the good work!

Pat Mazza, Jr. spent the week end in Holyoke, Mass. How'd they treat you, Bucksfoot?

Mary Battery's sailor husband enjoyed a short furlough at his home recently.

Blood Donors from our room—Lucy Libardi, Merida Baldassarini, Myrtle Thomas, Anne Palmer, Kitty Turner, Delia Franzoni, Christine Pugliese and Jean McLagan.

We are proud of you, Lucy; even though you had such a trial with your last donation you are going again—a true Victory Girl!

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Plating Department

By Jane Dawson

REFEREE WANTED: In Plating Dept. Time: 12 noon to 12:45. Wrestling and Boxing Matches. Contestants: Lu Little vs. John Bartlett. The Department was glad to hear from Pvt. Wm. La Due who is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Did our mermaid enjoy her swim Sunday at the Fish Pond? My, Shirley, what a sunburn!

A Happy Birthday is wished Rachel Meranti.

Welcome to our newcomers: Pat Boncompagni, Archie LaFleur and Reginald Kleiner.

Recent visitors to our Department were: Bernard Perzas of the Navy (his father, Bill, is in the Etching dept.); Adolph Kaczowski of the Merchant Marines (nephew of Zig Nazzewski); Sgt. Leland Marshall, formerly of Chemical Control and now radio instructor at Ft. Monroe, Va.

What Cassanova receives notes continuously from Paper Rolling Department?



This clever bag and hat set is easily made. Call Beaver Dispensary for directions.



Ronald Richardello, son of Nick of Machine Shop.

Impregnating News

By Angie Langer

We welcome Jimmy Crawford and Roland Gelas to our Department.

Everett Genn, who passed his physical for the army is with us and waiting for his call.

Velma got a bargain last week—she bought one dozen eggs for 40 cents and with them, she received three baby chicks. Quite a bargain!

"Ernie" was seen running along side of a car on the Mohawk Trail one Thursday night. Is he preparing for a Marathon or does he just like to exercise?

Leon Richards who was taking all honors for perfect attendance, had his record interrupted on Memorial Day, when his daughter was taken with a sudden attack of appendicitis at Worcester, Mass., where she is attending school. Leon brought her back to the North Adams hospital. Bertha formerly worked in the Dry Rolling department. Here's to a quick recovery for you, Bertha, and for you, Leon, another good start!



AFTER TURNING THIS INCUBATOR BY HAND ALL NIGHT FOR PAUL SANFORD UNCLE SHADRACH ADVISES A FEW GOOD SETTING HENS.

SNAPPED IN CANADA



Sgt. and Mrs. Roger J. Roy. Mrs. Roy is Mary of K.V.A.

Our favorite: Mr. Earle C. W. who lives up to his reputation by keeping us well supplied with flowers, and always a cheerie "Good Morning."

When Mary Kinsey gives her word she keeps it—your reporter will vouch for that. When Mary says, "I'll call you at 6:00 A.M., she calls! It does save wear and tear on my alarm clock. Thank you, Mary."

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WIRE COATING--Third Shift

By Mary Rosse

Theme song of Wire Coating Third Shift—"I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night".

Grace Perreault and Ruth Duquette recently enjoyed a reunion with their relatives who are in the armed forces.

Welcome to Phyllis Jones, our new Wire Coater.

A social gathering was held last week at Florini's Italian Gardens. Supper was served and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Adele and Martha are back with us after a week's absence.

Glamour on our shift—A certain girl wearing her hair in a snood. Mighty becoming, I'd say!



Bill and Jinny Fallon, Bill, stationed in California, is the son of Arthur, of Resistors.

Mica Prep. Department

By Rita Johnson

Millie Prevey returned recently from a visit with relatives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Pvt. Clarence Walker who has been stationed at Columbia Air Base in S. C., returned Saturday to Greensboro, N. C. where he will attend Radar School following a ten day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker of Notch Road. His Mother is Pearl Walker of the Spark Testing. He was formerly employed at Block Annex.

Millie Jones spent the week-end in Framingham where she visited her brother-in-law, Edmond Dickinson who is a patient in Cushing General Hospital. He recently returned from Italy where he was wounded in the Battle of Cassino.

Best wishes to Bernadette Ford, convalescing at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield.

Jack Sullivan actually lost his voice Friday when the girls of the Mica Dept. joined in wishing him a happy birthday by singing "Happy Birthday to You"—and presented him with some very useful gifts.

Other birthdays celebrated during the week were, Freda Theberge, Theresa Valieres, Alice Lavariere, Marie Merritt, Laddie Meranti, and Millie Prevey. They were presented with gifts and birthday cakes by their fellow-workers.

Julia Dumoulin spent the week end in Pittsfield.

Sample Lab.—Brown Street

By Nathan Candiloro

In this issue I would like to welcome on behalf of the gang and myself, a new member in our department, Blanche Bourdon. She hasn't said very much as yet, but maybe that's because A.F. hasn't given her a chance.

Alma Finardi still is a little hazy on what one should say when one picks up the telephone. A certain friend of hers tried to tell her that you don't say, "Good morning, lovely day isn't it?"

Mary Di Donna and Katherine De Pari, the two girls from the Resistors who use our cutter nights, are having their difficulties. If it isn't a broken blade on the machine, it's arguing over which one of them (Frenchy) likes best!

Gladys "Smiler" Markland has taken to bike riding. I guess she is getting in condition so she can pedal all the way to Marion Sinelitto's farm in Pownal.

Lucille Ramsdell received a beautiful birthday gift from the girls in our department. She says she can't express her feelings in words, so she told me to say, "Thanks, a million girls."

What kind of game is Rita DeMarco teaching the girls? Dutch something or other they say!

What is the *real* name of our new reporter? Is it "Nat" or "Bridget"???

A Log Observer

Bathtub Can Preparation

By Betty Bogus

Ask Mary Cozzaglio why she has a long face... why Rita Girardi faints... just because she saw a few MEN in the hall? Ask Doris Rondeau why her face was red on her birthday... John will use a paddle next year.

Gertrude Glynn has another new address: 235 River Street. Where next, Gert. If she doesn't stop moving, she'll have housemaid's knee, scrubbing so much woodwork.

Doris Rondeau was the guest of honor at a birthday party given at the home of Regina Gagne. Doris made a wonderful speech and was presented with many beautiful gifts.

We wonder why Mary Cozzaglio and Eleanor Gattuso spend their time here when there are openings for their talents in Hollywood.

Congratulations to Betty Bogus, our new clerk—and to Erma Miller, from Kansas. Hope you like riveting.

Happy birthday to Marion Roy and Doris Rondeau. Hope you both have many of them.

A birthday party was held at the home of Eleanor Gattuso for Mary Scieszka, who celebrated her eighteenth birthday. Fun was enjoyed by all.

Meter Multiplier Room

By Cecelia Grenier

A recent visitor in our Dept. was none other than our old pal, "Pat" Sanecki, now in the U.S.C.G. It was grand seeing you again "Pat."

Yes! Ardelle, we all agree with you. The "bottle" stockings are much nicer because you don't have to worry about tearing them when you trip.

The girls in the Multiplier Room presented Isabel Gouger with a beautiful handbag as a farewell gift. Miss Gouger is leaving us to spend a few months with her father in Canada. Here's wishing you a pleasant trip Isabel. We'll all miss you and your cute French accent.

My! My! Isabel, we'll have to see what we can do about getting you a new alarm clock.

Girls! that handsome sailor is Billy Taylor, one of our former co-workers, now stationed in California.

On May 16th, we had the pleasure of hearing our own Mrs. Haun as soloist on the Sprague Radio Log program. Her renditions of "Ave Maria" and "The Rosary" were soul stirring.

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Surprise Reunion of Brothers

Isabel George of the Multiplier Room received word from her son Corp. Clifford W. George Jr., member of the 4th Marine Div. Band that he met his brother Harvey I. George, S1-c of the Seabees, while walking down his Company Street in the Marshall Islands. Harvey worked in the Machine Shop at Beaver Street, prior to his enlistment. This proves to us that it's a small world after all.

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Mica Shipping

By Mary Vanuni

Dalmon Chilson, S. 2-c, formerly of Mica Shipping, is at an amphibious quartermaster school at Gulfport, Miss. His training will be for a 17-weeks' period.

A recent visitor to the Department was Sgt. Warren E. Hamer, brother of Gladys Hamer. Sgt. Hamer is stationed at West Point, N. Y.

A birthday party was celebrated in honor of Miss Mary Vanuni on May 12th, for her twenty-fourth birthday. Those present were from the Mica Shipping and Check Inspection Departments. The supper, held at Meadowview, was much enjoyed, and an appropriate gift was given Mary.

Mrs. Margaret Fisk enjoyed a vacation this past week.



Preliminary Test

By Eleanor Rhodes

After two and a half years, we have finally broken up the "Dead End Kids" of Preliminary Test. Is it permanent?

—Peggy Gagnier

The Assembly line is glad to have a new glamour girl added to their table in the person of Mrs. H.

—Jackie Davis

Peg Gagnier is raising turtles now. It all started with a turtle her husband sent to her. She's taking orders for them now.

—Ruth Williams

What was Dot Shepard of Networks doing on Main Street without shoes, and soaked (with water) to the skin last Tuesday?

—Gloria Chieffini

Wonder what O'Malley will do when they run out of retreads on gum. She gets the most out of her penny's worth these days—bye gum!

—Annamae Kendrick

Ann Novak, our friend and co-worker, who leaves the Networks to fain fame and fortune in the big city, was presented a wallet of money by her co-workers.

—Emma Mutart

Ellen Davis went to Gardner, Mass. for the week end—the first time away from work in ages...do you think she'll live through it?

—Florence Davis

Tony Marino asked H. K. what kind of vitamins to use for "pep". When told, "Take the kind I use," Tony thought for a while, then answered, "No thanks."

—Lyle Mutart

Favorites --

Eleanor Rhodes—"Tess's Torch Song"
Yvonne St. Pierre—

"It's Love, Love, Love"

Jean Cuddeback—"Star Dust"

Flo. Douglas—"No Letter Tonight"

Edna Habersetzer—"Ole Black Joe"

—G. Southgate

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

Clarice Dustin received word that her husband Sgt. Lester Dustin is in a hospital somewhere in England, where he has been confined for the past two months. The Department wishes him complete recovery.

Jane, we hope you enjoy your vacation. Second Honeymoon? ?

The Marines have landed in our Dept. I wonder if that glamorous brunette (whose name begins with C) has anything to do with it? ?

Roma, you make a cute farmerette. Potatoes are cheaper, tomatoes are cheaper now that you're in love!

Mica Assembly

By Betty Bourdon

At this time of year, we understand there's a great demand for lawnmowers to be repaired. We have an expert amongst us — Betty Coulter, set-up girl for the part number branders. All repaired, guaranteed to walk, talk, and run over the grass. If within ten minutes you'd like a new crop of grass, merely take a rake and go over the above mentioned, in the opposite direction—and you've got it! How's about it, Betty?

Mrs. Joseph Gorman, the former Betty Primmer, has returned to her duties as inspector after spending a honeymoon in New York City.

A hearty welcome to branding operators and tap-machine operators—Frances Karrey, Rosalie Potvin and Anna Fox. Also, Lillian Duhamel who holds the responsible position of set-up girl to the branders. Hope you like us, girls! We are one happy family out here and the more the better because that not only means more acquaintances—it means more work, and we love it!

Our heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Anna LeMay on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Lena Bresnahan.

The Final Inspection group of Mica Dept. tendered a birthday party in honor of Miss Mary Skubel, May 22nd. Eleven co-workers were present. Mary was presented with a huge birthday cake and gifts and received many good wishes during the day.

Mr. Harold Fornhals, formerly of Mica Finishing Dept. and now in the U. S. Navy, visited his co-workers of Brown St. last week. He was accompanied by two other sailors, David Brookman, and M. Williams, also former employees of Brown Street. Harold still has his beaming smile, but to our dismay has been shorn of his curly locks. In an interview with him he stated, that it was "swell to be back in Sprague's again," and it was "sure swell" seeing him.

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Wire Coating News

1st Shift -- Lee Reese

Thanks to Jean Herman, our Boners Club is still very much alive. How about it, Jean—very saving with solution, aren't you?

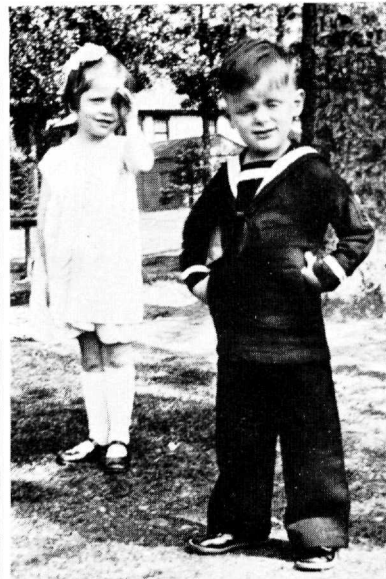
Question for Julie: Would you like another cup of...coffee. If it bothers you, Dot has the remedy.

We are pleased to learn that Larry Haskins is greatly improved and will be back again.

"Little Peg" is officially proclaimed our traveling delegate. She is giving Eleanor R. stiff competition.

We are sorry to have Mary Nimons leave us, and wish her the best of wishes and happiness.

BEFORE



Thomas Slater always aspired to be a sailor!

AFTER



Thomas Slater, Seaman 2-c, as he is today. Son of Freda Theberge of Mica.